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Dear Jim,

Jim Lesar believe that affidavits from you and several others could be very helpful in our suit for the still-withheld JFK scientific evidence.

Aside from financial problems - how thin the shoestring does get - there is always a time bind. The government has an infinite capability of stonewalling. This not only wastes time for us but regularly has us pushing anexpected deadlines.

As an example, I do not know today, a Sunday, whether we will be rushed into court tomorrow morning by the judge in acting on a government motion to quash our subpoena, whether the government will refuse to permit depositions until the judge acts, whether he will act of ignore the motion, or if the government will appeal if he should happen to rule inf favor of us.

So Jim and I have decided to proceed under protest whatever happens and if necessary take the time and spend the money to depose all over again.

Meanwhile, I've had to prepare to testify if there is a hearing, to establish the relevance of the exhibits we have subpoenaed. Today I'll have to go over what I've written even though it may never be used.

I explain this to make a further explanation, that I should be back before the end of the week that begins April 3, the date I think you mentioned. It would be much better if I could leave the morning of April 1. There are people I could see in downtown Dallas from whatever time the plane lets me get there until you finish work. I rather imagine that we could see other people on Saturday orSunday.

Jim has to leave Washington for a week beginning the end of that week. We have other court preparations and he might be able to get the affidavits filed before he leaves if I get them back to him on time.

I do appreciate your offers very much. They are helpful and they will permit decent and concerned people to make an officialrecord of truth and fact where it is always an official record, a permanent one available to all. Where the institutions of government fail it is then up to individual citisens to do what they can.

I have never been to Dallas when I've had enough time, when the trip was not very worthwhile and when I was not sorry I had to leave. None of my visits there would have been possible without the help I've received and that you have offered this time. One of the reasons I'm writing this time is for my files to show this, at least as a matter of historical record. Another is to save the cost of the call.

If there are still direct flights, preferably non-stop, to Love Field, I expect that would save me some time and airbus cost. The new airport does not mean anything to me, saving the time and cost does. But that is no beig deal. Leaving from National in Washington would be better for me but Dulles or what is called BWI would also do. I do prefer non-stops but that also is not essential. Perhaps it would be best if I made the travel arrangements in DC and left the return ticket open and book a flight down there? I do want to concentrate on those who have knowledge of what is relevant to what is at issue before the court. This is the oldest Freedom of Information case of all, of all on the assassinations, and one we continue to feel holds great potential. When you see the language of the decision we won at the appeals level you'll understand.

If I can get into town to mail this today and save a day I will.

Thanks again and best wishes,